

REPORT

DATE: February 2, 2006

TO: Administration and Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Resolution # 06-471-1 authorizing SCAG to accept Blueprint Planning Grant Funds

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution # 06-471-1 authorizing SCAG to accept \$1,258,450 in Caltrans Blueprint Planning grant funds and amend the SCAG Overall Work Plan (OWP) to include the funds.

SUMMARY:

Caltrans has notified SCAG that \$1,258,450 in Blueprint Planning grant funds will be awarded to SCAG for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-2006 to build upon and expand the SCAG Compass 2% Strategy implementation efforts and integrate the Compass Vision and 2% Implementation Strategy into local planning efforts.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2005 the Regional Council authorized staff to apply for up to \$ 3,000,000 in Blueprint Planning Grant Funds. The grant award of \$1,258,450 is for the first year of a two-year project. Caltrans has advised SCAG staff that the amount of second year funds to be awarded will be determined by Caltrans based upon project performance during the first year of the project.

In the FY 2005-2006 state budget, \$5 Million was included for MPOs to conduct regional planning activities, aimed at improving statewide mobility. SCAG submitted the grant application by the September 30, 2005 due date and was notified of the pending grant award in late December.

The SCAG project will refine the Compass regional growth policies through more subregional and local 2% opportunity area scenario planning and development forecasting. Implementing SCAG's 2% Strategy through strategic infill, transit-oriented development, and corridor revitalization has been modeled to lead to significant improvements in regional mobility.

FISCAL IMPACT:

SCAG will be required to provide a 20% cash or in-kind match, or \$314,610, to be financed with non-federal funds. Staff is in the process of identifying in-kind or cash contributions for the match requirement, which will be reflected in an amendment to the FY 2005-2006 OWP.

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**RESOLUTION #06-471-1 OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL BLUEPRINT PLANNING PROGRAM
GRANT FUNDS AND AMEND THE FY 2005-2006 OWP**

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial;

WHEREAS, the FY 2005-2006 California State Budget includes \$5 million in funding statewide available only to MPOs for a two-year California Regional Blueprint Planning Grant Program designed to support related statutory requirements, programs and guidelines that address the need for integrated planning;

WHEREAS, each Blueprint Planning Grant awarded by the State will require at least a 20% cash or in-kind match financed with non-federal funds.

WHEREAS, SCAG applied for \$3,000,000 in grant funds in September 2005;

WHEREAS, Caltrans has awarded to SCAG \$1,258,450 in grant funds for the first year of the project, which will require \$314,610 in local matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments to authorize SCAG to accept and manage a Regional Blueprint Planning Grant and to collaborate with other stakeholders in the grant program, and to implement the grant through the FY 2005-2006 OWP as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Regional Council approves and authorizes SCAG to amend the FY 2005-2006 OWP to include the Blueprint Planning Grant funds in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 OWP;
2. The SCAG pledges to secure cash or in-kind services, or both, for the matching funds necessary to receive Blueprint Planning Grant funds; and
3. That the SCAG Executive Director or in his absence, the Deputy Executive Director, is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all related agreements and documents on behalf of the Regional Council for receipt of the Blueprint Planning Grant funds.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the [] vote of the Regional Council
of the Southern California Association of Governments at a regular meeting this
2nd day of February, 2006.

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